

HOUSE No. 2666

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Willie Mae Allen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve the earned income credit for working families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Callahan, Jennifer	State Rep.
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Sonia Chang-Díaz	Second Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3036 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EARNED INCOME CREDIT FOR WORKING FAMILIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Section 6 of Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 184, the number “15” and inserting in place
3 thereof the following number: -- 30.

4 SECTION 2: Section 6 of Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further amended
5 by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: --

6 The commissioner of revenue shall ensure the widest possible dissemination of information
7 about the availability of the federal and state earned income credits by partnering in outreach
8 efforts with groups, including but not limited to, utility companies, labor organizations, the
9 chamber of commerce, municipalities, community-based organizations, and taxpayer
10 advocates. The commissioner shall provide all employers with a notice and a poster that sets
11 forth the rights to the credit allowed under the first paragraph of this section including the option
12 to receive the benefit throughout the year in each paycheck. Said poster shall be conspicuously
13 placed in workplaces and comply with the language requirement for employer unemployment
14 notices under section 62A (d) (iii) of chapter 151A.